Drawbacks in the training procedures for Indian Airlines pilots

*200. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that High Level Committee set up by the Central Government to study the training of the pilots in the Indian Airlines found several drawbacks in the training procedure: and

(b) if so, what steps Goverment are taking for imparting better training to the Indian Airlines Pilots?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI, ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The report of the Committee is under examination of the Government.

Terephthalic Acid Project in Orissa

1419. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a Terephthalic acid project in Orissa;

(b) if so, what is the place identified for its location;

(c) whether the letter of intent has been granted to the State Governmnt for setting up of the project;

(d) what is the capacity of that project; and

(e) by when it is expected to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Functioning of District Industry Centres

1420. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to revamp the functioning of the District Industry Centres; and

(b) if so, what steps have already been taken or are proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The performance of District Industries Centres has been satisfactory and there is no proposal at present to revamp DICs.

Memorandum Submitted by the Faculty Association of AIIMS

1421. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Faculty Association of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi has recently submitted a memorandum to Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The main demands of the Faculty Association of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (FAIIMS) relate to better promotional avenues to the faculty members, removal of the condition of giving two chances of promotion at each level, to make promotion effective from the date the candidate becomes eligible/completes the required experience in order to maintain inter alia seniority, removal of shortage of accommodation, etc.

The demands regarding better promotional avenues, removal of the condition of giving two chances of promotion, etc. are under consideration. As